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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant	:	Kurt W. Weber et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 3722
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Filed	:	January 7, 2002	)	
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For	:	INCREMENTAL STEP	)	
		DRILLING SYSTEM AND	)	
		METHOD	)	
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Examiner	:	Howell, Daniel W.	)	

**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 17, 2003, please reconsider the above-captioned Application in light of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2.

**Remarks** being on page 8 of this paper.

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